

Haunui Farm Update

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Moti & Swift Alliance Set Season Alight for Don Eduardo

Gooree Park, Gai Waterhouse and Blake Shinn set tongues alight at Randwick on the 22nd of August when they combined to provide Haunui Farm stallion **Don Eduardo (NZ)** (Zabeel) with a memorable stakes double and they were at it again two weeks later with wins in Sydney and Melbourne.

The trio proved a formidable combination at Randwick when five-year-old mare **Moti (NZ)** (Don Eduardo) and four-year-old entire **Swift Alliance (Aus)** (Don Eduardo) both landed their first stakes successes at Sydney racing head quarters.

An impressive win in the \$100,000 Listed Toy Show Quality Handicap (1400m) saw Moti defer retirement to the Gooree brodmare band and instead saw her aimed toward claiming two further black type events, one at Wyong and one at Newcastle.

The second leg of her tilt at a stakes treble proved successful with a convincing win in Listed company in the Mona Lisa Stakes (1350m) at Wyong on Friday. Gai Waterhouse needn't have been concerned with the 50m drop in distance as Moti made light work of her opposition and if she can take that form into the Listed Tibbie Stakes (1400m) at Newcastle in two weeks time, she should be hard to beat again.

"She is a good mare and has really come into form," said Andrew Baddock of Gooree Park Stud. "Winning this race will hopefully help me convince Mr Cojuangco not to retire her yet and I'm hoping she will get her chance at a Group race in the Spring - maybe the Myer Classic," he said.

Stablemate Swift Alliance provided the Gooree, Waterhouse, Shinn combination with the second leg of their stakes double at Randwick with one of the most impressive performances of the day.

Jumping nicely from barrier three, Shinn quickly had Swift Alliance in the lead and when challenged by **McClintock (Aus)** (King Cugat), soon handed up to take a nice sit in behind the pace. Always travelling well, Swift Alliance was rolling nicely at the turn however it did take some time before a gap presented itself in the straight. At the 200m, Shinn urged Swift Alliance through a small opening with the horse showing great acceleration to quickly take the lead, eventually easing down to a comfortable two length victory.

"He is a lovely horse and he will be set for the Manikato now," said Gai Waterhouse after the race. "You wouldn't think that such a smart staying sire like Don Eduardo could leave a horse with so much brilliant speed," she said. "All I can say is that he is a horse on the real improve, it is very exciting and, I love being involved with him."

Swift Alliance followed up his impressive Sydney win with an even more impressive display over straight six at Flemington in his first Melbourne start.

Jumping quickly from the barrier in the 1200m event, he settled toward the front of the group taking the outside rail and never had it easy down the long Flemington straight. At the 300m mark he visibly changed gear, showing the strong turn of foot he has become renowned for to put himself in the race and whilst a photo finish was required because of the split in the field, Swift Alliance was a comfortable half length winner



Swift Alliance

in the Group Three event. "He is a very nice horse," said Gai Waterhouse immediately after the race. "He will definitely go the Manikato," she said.

Don Eduardo has enjoyed a stellar run of success in 2009 with five stakes winners and three stakes performers since the beginning of the New Year. "It was a dream result at Randwick and to follow it up two weeks later was fantastic," said Mark Chitty of Haunui Farm. "It's is pretty exciting for Don Eduardo to have a horse like Swift Alliance and he could well have runners in a Group One sprint, Group One Mile and, the Melbourne Cup during the spring carnival," he said.

"Dashing Donna was stakes placed at two and ran second in the Railway - a race won by Don Eduardo's dam Diamond Lover," said Mark. "On the other hand, he has left three Group winners over staying distances as well as a Group One performer over two miles," he said. "There is plenty of speed in the female side of Don Eduardo's pedigree and it is something he seems to be picking up on as a sire," says Mark. "It's exciting to have him standing at Haunui - bring on the spring!"

"We decided to reduce Don Eduardo's fee from \$10,000 to \$7,000 in light of the current economic climate and with the results he achieved last season and, this stakes double, you can't argue his value," said Mark. "We're looking forward to the spring with the likes of All In Black, Autumn Ember and Booming all to come through whilst Divine Rebel and Vick-ezzchardonnay have been delayed through injury," said Mark.

Success Keeps Rolling in for Elusive City

The end of August brought about another successful weekend of racing for the Haunui stallions, this time **Elusive City (USA)** (Elusive Quality) taking the lime light siring three stakes performers.

The first came on Friday the 28th when two-year-old colt **Boltcity (Fr)** (Elusive City) earned black type when finishing second in the Listed Prix de la Huderie over 1400m at Deauville.

Fourth in a Group Three event at his previous start, Boltcity has two wins and two seconds from five starts for trainer Jean-Claude Rouget who seems to have an affinity with the progeny of Elusive City having trained his first Group One-winner **Elusive Wave (Ire)** (Elusive City).

In the Southern Hemisphere, the Gerald Ryan-trained **Ahdashim (NZ)** (Elusive City) was once again terribly unlucky not to claim stakes success when third in the Group Three STC Concorde Stakes (1100m).

Already stakes placed on two occasions at three, Ahdashim was held up at a critical time in the run home on Saturday but finished strongly to claim third at his second start this preparation.

The third stakes performer for Elusive City on the same weekend was multiple stakes winner **Nashmiah (Ire)** (Elusive City) who won the Listed Alice Keppel Stakes (1000m) at Goodwood on Sunday, her third stakes win of the season and fourth stakes win in total from a thirteen-start career.

"It's great to see that Ahdashim has come back this season in fine form and hopefully he will be able to get a well deserved stakes win in the next few weeks," said Mark Chitty of Haunui Farm. "He was agonisingly close twice last season and this race proves he is certainly well up to the mark and I'm sure Gerald Ryan will give him every chance," he said.

"It is also great to see Elusive City continue his success in the Northern Hemisphere with his two and three-year-olds and with Spring racing underway in Australia and New Zealand, I'm sure we're in for an exciting few months ahead," said Mark.

Elusive City stands at Haunui Farm in 2009 for a fee of \$8,000 + GST and will serve a limited book of 120 mares. For more information please feel free to contact Mark Chitty - 021 663 995 - or Shannon Taylor - 0212 855 513.



First Foals Arrive for Iffraaj

After what seems to have been a long wait, the first Southern Hemisphere foals by **Iffraaj (GB)** (Zafonic) have hit the ground.

Holding the honours as the first born is a bay colt out of **Let's Enjoy (NZ)** (Danske). Whilst not born at Haunui, the colt has a strong Haunui connection having been bred by long-time clients Charlie Roberts and, Paul and Mary Kenny of Roberts Holdings - also partners in Iffraaj.

"It was certainly nice to see his first foals arrive and Paul and Mary's colt was certainly a good way to start," said Mark.

At the time of printing, Haunui has five Iffraaj foals on the ground, the first a bay colt out of multiple Group One-winner **Fayreform (NZ)** (Tights). The second is owned and was bred by Don and Rochelle McLaren out of **Imadiva (NZ)** (Danasinga) whilst the third is a member of the Haunui foundation family being out of **Muscatel (NZ)** (Kaaopstad), a daughter of **On The Rise (NZ)** (Crested Wave).

The most recent Iffraaj's born at the farm are a filly out of **Honeymoonzova (NZ)** (Volksraad), a member of the Delightful Belle family and, a colt out of Group Three-winner **Foxy Blonde (NZ)** (Volksraad) who was bred by Vicki Van Dorp.

"There are plenty more to come but we like what we've seen so far and reports from other breeders who have Iffraaj foals on the ground are very positive," said Mark.



b f Iffraaj - Muscatel - born 28/08/09 (photo taken 01/09/09)

Broodmare of the Year Honours

Friday 4th September saw the annual Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Awards held at Ellerlise. On a night that honours excellence, it was great to see Haunui Farm clients Mick and Emma-Ann Evans make a number of trips to the stage.

Their first award came as breeders of Group Three Manawatu Classic-winner and Group One performer **Izonit (NZ)** (Volksraad).

The second award came through the deeds of evergreen performer **Dezigna (NZ)** (Volksraad) who after seven placings at Group One level, finally broke through in the Group One Captain Cook Stakes (1600m).

The third award was one of the major awards of the evening, Broodmare of the Year which unsurprisingly went to **Label Basher (NZ)** (Conquistarose), the dam of both Dezigna and Izonit.

Labelbasher has a Don Eduardo yearling colt on the ground and is due to foal to Iffraaj this spring.

Congratulations to Mick and Emma-Ann from the Haunui team!

Mare Values Boosted Significantly

Continual investment in successful pedigrees is something that Haunui endeavours to undertake on a regular basis and it is a practice that we try to assist our clients in achieving as well.

Recent times have seen three Haunui resident mare's receive significant pedigree boosts that have certainly put a smile on the faces of the Haunu team and our clients.

The first success story we can boast is that of **Destined (GB)** (Danehill), a mare that was purchased by Paul Moroney in England and thankfully, through backing Paul's judgement, Haunui and client Cathy Franich are set to reap some valuable rewards in the season's ahead.

A purchase at the higher end of the scale, Destined's immediate pedigree was upgraded last Northern Hemisphere season through the deeds of half sister **Modern Look (GB)** (Zamindar) in Europe who secured two Group wins in France whilst this season she has been stakes placed in the USA. Further results have come through the progeny of another half sister, **Arabesque (GB)** (Zafonic) who has produced Group Two Gimcrak Stakes-winner **Showcasing (GB)** (Oasis Dream) and stakes placed filly **Bouvardia (GB)** (Oasis Dream) this season.

"At the time of buying, Paul Moroney said that there was a lot to come in this mare's pedigree and I'm certainly glad we backed his judgement," said Mark Chitty.

Destined's first yearling, a colt by **Galileo (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) was sold at Karaka 2009. He was purchased by South African Charles Laird for \$230,000. She has a Zabeel yearling colt who will be sold at Karaka 2010, is due to foal to Iffraaj this season and will be covered by O'Reilly (NZ) (Last Tycoon).

Another astute investment, this time scouted by Ron Chitty, could well be **Fashionable Lass (NZ)** (Carnegie). A daughter of **Rationable (NZ)** (Housebuster), she is a half sister to multiple stakes winner **Vincent Mangano (NZ)** (No Excuse Needed) and two-year-

old stakes winner **Joey Massino (NZ)** (O'Reilly). Saturday saw another half brother, **Vigor (NZ)** (O'Reilly) win impressively in the Group Two Makybe Diva Stakes (1600m) with trainer Danny O'Brien confident he will be a major contender in the Melbourne spring.

"This is another family in the New Zealand studbook that continues to produce top-class racehorses," said Mark. "Ron was like a dog with a bone when he found out Fashionable Lass was for sale and I'm pretty happy that he followed it through," said Mark. "Unlike Destined, she was at the lower end of the scale in dollar terms but there is plenty happening and I'm pretty happy to have her out in the paddock here at Haunui," he said.

Fashionable Lass' first foal is a yearling filly by **Elusive City** and she will go forward to Karaka 2010. The mare missed last season and will be covered by Haunui's resident stallion **Don Eduardo** this spring.

Marie Leicester has had a long association with Haunui Farm and as such, Haunui has been associated with foaling, raising and when required, selling her bloodstock.

One filly that was destined for the yearling sale ring was **Waimarie Lass (NZ)** (Fasliyev) however, the filly had other ideas injuring herself weeks prior to departing for the Sydney Easter Sale.

Retained to race and now a relatively new addition to Marie's broodmare band, **Waimarie Lass** foaled her first foal in late August, a filly by **Pins (Aus)** (Snippets).

A daughter of Group Two-winner **Waihora's Lass (NZ)** (Tights), **Waimarie Lass** is a half sister to Group Two-winner and Group One-performer **Legible (NZ)** (Zabeel) who in recent weeks has produced the exciting Group Two winner and Group One performer **Trusting (Aus)** (Tale Of The Cat).

Waimarie Lass foaled her first foal on the 24th of August, a bay filly by **Pins (Aus)** (Snippets) and will be covered this spring by first season sire **Alamosa (NZ)** (O'Reilly).

"Results over the past few weeks couldn't have been better really," said Mark. "Racing at this time of the year is very competitive so you know that if horses come out and perform in these big races they are serious types," he said. "These three mares are all young mares and they all have a lot happening in their pedigrees so by the time it comes to selling their yearlings their pedigrees will hopefully be looking even better," he said.



Destined's first foal, a colt by Galileo now in South Africa